

# IS: Infinite Stratos

## Chapter 19

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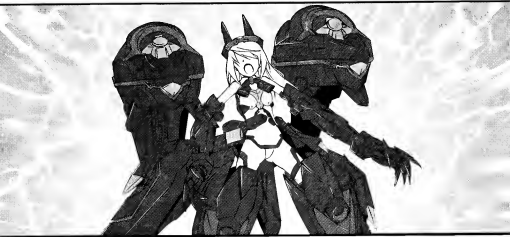
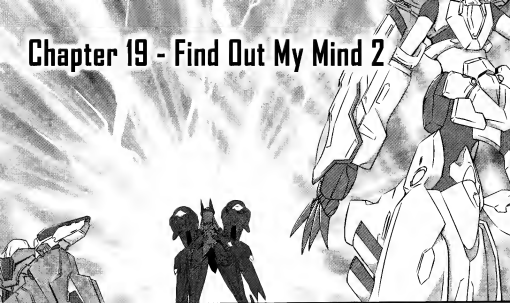


Translation:  
Abs

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Typesetting:  
Dslight

QC:  
Volandum

## Chapter 19 - Find Out My Mind 2



I HAVE  
NO  
IDEA...

IT  
DOESN'T  
LOOK  
LIKE A  
FORM  
SHIFT.

WHAT  
THE-?!

WHAT  
ON  
EARTH  
IS  
THAT?!



A  
A  
A  
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H

Damage Level .....D.  
Mind Condition.....Uplift.  
Certification .....Clear.  
《Valkyrie Trace System》  
.....boot.

















THAT'S THE  
WEIGHT OF  
A WEAPON  
THAT ENDS  
HUMAN  
LIFE.

HEAVY,  
ISN'T  
IT?



TO BE  
SWINGING  
THAT KIND  
OF A  
WEIGHT  
AROUND,

ALWAYS  
THINK  
HARD  
ABOUT  
WHAT IT  
MEANS.



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THAT'S  
WHAT IT  
MEANS  
TO BE  
STRONG.





EXPLAIN  
IT TO ME  
SO I CAN  
UNDER-  
STAND!

WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON WITH  
YOU?!



CHIFUYU-  
NEE'S...  
THAT  
BELONGS  
TO CHI-  
FUYU-  
NEE  
ALONE...  
DAMNIT!

THAT  
DITCH...  
THAT'S  
CHIFUYU-  
NEE'S  
DATA.



LAURA  
AND  
THAT  
IS...

I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO CALM  
DOWN  
UNTIL I  
DEAT THE  
HELL OUT  
OF THEM  
BOTH-



THAT'S  
NOT IT  
...

LAURA'S  
THE ONE  
PISSING  
ME OFF FOR  
ALLOWING  
THAT  
KIND OF  
MESED-UP  
POWER TO  
SWING HER  
AROUND  
LIKE THAT.

YOU'RE  
...

ALWAYS  
GOING  
ON ABOUT  
CHIFUYU-  
SAN THIS,  
CHIFUYU-  
SAN THAT,  
AREN'T  
YOU?

HOW DO  
YOU PLAN  
ON FIGHTING  
WHEN YOUR  
ENERGY IS  
DEPLETED?

GLUH  
...

I  
UNDER-  
STAND WHY  
YOU'RE SO  
MAD, BUT  
WHAT CAN  
YOU DO  
ABOUT IT  
RIGHT  
NOW?

IF  
THAT'S  
WHAT  
YOU WANT,  
THEN SNAP  
OUT OF IT  
ALREADY!

EITHER  
WAY, I'M  
GONNA  
KICK THE  
CRAP OUT  
OF THEM!

RIGHT NOW,  
BYAKUSHIKI  
PROBABLY  
CAN'T EVEN  
TAKE A HIT,  
AND DEFINITELY  
DOESN'T HAVE  
THE ENERGY TO  
PROJECT ANY  
TYPE OF  
DEFENSE...

HOLIK'S  
RIGHT...  
I WON'T BE  
ABLE TO  
BREAK  
THROUGH  
THE IS'S  
ABSOLUTE  
DEFENSE  
WITHOUT  
SOMETHING  
OF MY  
OWN...

This is  
an emergency  
announcement!  
All guests and  
students are to  
evacuate the area  
as quickly  
as possible!  
We will now  
attempt to subdue  
the threat by  
force-



THAT'S RIGHT.

I  
SHOULDN'T  
BOTHER  
THROWING  
MYSELF  
INTO  
DANGER  
UNNECES-  
SARILY,  
HUH?

SO

DID YOU  
HEAR THAT?  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO DO  
ANYTHING,  
THE ACADE-  
MY'S GOING  
TO-



THIS  
IS SOME-  
THING I  
WANT TO  
DO.

NO,  
HOUKI,  
YOU'RE  
WAY, WAY  
OFF.

THIS  
ISN'T  
SOME-  
THING I  
HAVE TO  
DO...



...

IF I  
WALKED  
AWAY FROM  
THIS, I  
WOULDN'T  
BE ME  
ANY MORE.

I  
WOULDN'T  
BE  
ORIMURA  
ICHIKA.

BE-  
SIDES,

HE WON'T  
THINK FOR A  
SECOND ABOUT  
HOW I'LL FEEL,  
BEING PASSED  
BY LIKE THIS...

BUT THIS TIME,  
HIS STUBBORN-  
NESS IS TOO  
MUCH.

LIKE I'M JUST  
GONNA LET HIM  
FIGHT AGAINST  
AN IS BARE-  
HANDED!



ONCE AGAIN,  
HE'S THROWING  
HIMSELF INTO  
DANGER WITHOUT  
A THOUGHT TO  
HOW I FEEL...  
NOT EVEN  
CONSIDERING  
THE POSSIBILITY  
THAT HE'LL FAIL,  
HE JUST WALKS  
STRAIGHT FOR-  
WARD-

YOUR  
DYAKU-  
SHIKI  
HAS NO  
MORE  
ENERGY  
-

ARGH,  
YOU  
IDIOT!

THEN  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
PLAN-  
NING TO  
DO?!



REALLY  
?!

THEN  
PLEASE!  
DO IT  
RIGHT  
NOW!

I'M PRETTY  
SURE MY  
REVIVE CAN  
USE CORE  
BYPASS  
TO PASS  
ENERGY  
TO YOU.

CHARLES  
...?

IF YOU'RE  
OUT, THEN  
JUST GET  
SOME  
MORE  
FROM  
SOMEONE.

RIGHT,  
ICHIKA?





WE CAN'T  
DO THAT,  
SHINONONO-  
SAN

YOU  
JUST  
HAD TO  
BUTT  
IN!

WE  
SHOULD  
LEAVE  
THIS  
SITUATION  
TO THE  
TEACHERS!!



FOR HIM  
TO STAY  
HIMSELF,

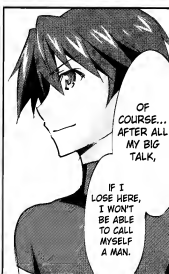
THIS IS  
SOMETHING  
HE HAS  
TO DO...  
IT'S  
EXTREMELY  
IMPORTANT  
...

THIS IS  
SOMETHING  
ICHIKA HAS  
TO SETTLE  
FOR HIMSELF.



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\$  
FOR ME TO  
BE MYSELF,  
I HAVE TO  
BE USEFUL  
TO ICHIKA.

THAT'S WHY  
I'M GOING  
TO HELP.  
I WANT TO  
BE USEFUL  
TO ICHIKA.







COMPLETE.

I'VE GIVEN YOU ALL THE REVIVE'S REMAINING ENERGY.



OPENING REVIVE CORE BYPASS.

AUTHORISING ENERGY TRANSFER...

THEN HERE WE GO.



NOW I'VE GOT WHAT I NEED TO LAND A HIT ON HER.

BUT STILL...

WITHOUT ANY ARMOR ONE HIT AND I'LL EITHER BE DEAD OR SERIOUSLY INJURED.



BUT IT'S STILL ONLY ENOUGH FOR THE RIGHT ARM AND WEAPON TO MATERIALIZE, HUH?

THAT'S ALL I NEED.

THE REST... IS UP TO ME!



IDIOT... THE MAN  
I LOVE IS ABOUT  
TO RISK HIS LIFE,  
I HAVE TO DO  
SOMETHING.  
IF I CAN'T EVEN  
BELIEVE IN HIM  
AND SEND HIM  
OFF, LIKE DUNOIS,  
THEN...



I-  
ICHIKA!



BESIDES,  
HOW CAN I  
STOP HIM WHEN  
HE LOOKS  
AT ME SO  
RESOLUTELY  
...

?

WHAT  
IS IT,  
HOUKI?



I'M COM-  
PLETELY  
USELESS  
TO HIM  
AGAIN...

DON'T  
DIE...

MAKE  
SURE YOU  
DON'T DIE!







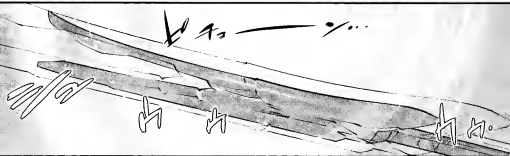
HERE I  
COME, YOU  
IMPOSTER!



"REIRAKU  
BYAKUYA  
-  
ACTIVATE!!

A FAST, SHARP  
BLADE THAT  
CAN SLICE  
THROUGH HER  
DEFENSE WITH  
ONE SWING.

IT DOESN'T  
HAVE TO BE  
THAT BIG  
THIS TIME.  
WHAT WE  
NEED IS  
SPEED AND  
SHARP-  
NESS...



THANKS,  
BYAKU-  
SHIKI.

AL-  
RIGHT,  
HERE  
WE GO!



THAT  
STANCE  
...

SHE'S  
DEFINITELY  
PLANNING TO  
CUT ME DOWN  
WITH ONE  
SWING...

LOOK, I'LL  
SHOW YOU  
AGAIN, SO  
WATCH  
CAREFULLY!

ARGH, WHY  
DON'T YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND?!

LOQ..

REMEM-  
BER...

WHAT  
THEY  
TAUGHT  
ME-!!

DON'T JUST  
SWING YOUR  
ARM, THINK OF  
IT AS PART OF  
YOUR ENTIRE  
BODY, THEN,  
WITHOUT  
UNNECESSARY  
MOVEMENTS,  
WITHOUT OPEN-  
INGS, WITHOUT  
CARELESSNESS,  
SWING IT WITH  
ALL YOUR  
MIGHT.

LISTEN,  
YOU NEED  
TO USE THE  
WEIGHT OF  
THE SWORD  
TO YOUR  
ADVANTAGE  
WHEN YOU  
SWING.







**THIS IS THE  
'FIRST FLASH,  
SECOND STRIKE'!**

**IT ENDS  
NOW!**



*SAME AS  
CHIFUYU-NEE.*

*A FAST,  
SHARP,  
DIAGONAL  
SLASH!*



*A SWORD  
WITH NO  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS*

*BEHIND IT IS  
JUST AN  
IMITATION!*





...  
ORIMURA...  
ICHI...  
KA....

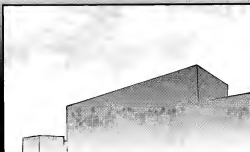


...WELL, I  
GUESS I'LL  
GIVE YOU A  
BREAK WITH  
THE WHOLE  
"BEAT YOU UP"  
THING.



I DON'T KNOW  
WHY, BUT HIS  
NAIVÉTÉ TENDS  
TO RATTLE  
AGAINST THE  
HEARTS OF  
YOUNG GIRLS.

LET YOUR  
GUARD DOWN  
AND YOU  
MIGHT FALL  
FOR HIM.



IF YOU EVER  
MEET HIM,  
MAKE SURE  
YOU KEEP  
YOUR WITS  
ABOUT YOU.

LET ME  
GIVE YOU  
ONE  
WARN-  
ING,



I UNDER-  
STAND  
NOW,  
WHAT  
THAT  
WAS...

HOW  
COULD  
AN OLDER  
SISTER  
FALL FOR  
HER LITTLE  
BROTHER,  
IDIOT?



DOES  
THAT  
MEAN YOU  
FELL FOR  
HIM TOO?

I WAS  
A LITTLE  
JEALOUS  
...



I WAS JEALOUS  
OF THE MAN WHO  
COULD MAKE THE  
INSTRUCTOR  
MAKE THAT  
FACE...

AND I  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT SHE  
SAID NOW  
THAT I'VE MET  
AND FOUGHT  
HIM.

...  
YOU THINK  
SO?

"WHAT IS  
STRENGTH?"  
THERE ARE  
PROBABLY  
COUNTLESS  
ANSWERS  
TO THAT  
QUESTION.

STRENGTH  
IS PART  
OF THE  
HEART.

I THINK IT  
MEANS TO  
ALWAYS BE  
AWARE OF  
WHO I WANT  
TO BE.

IT'S WHAT  
SUPPORTS  
ME.

DON'T  
YOU?

SOMEONE WHO  
DOESN'T KNOW  
WHO HE WANTS  
TO BE CAN'T  
WORRY ABOUT  
BEING STRONG  
OR WEAK  
BECAUSE  
HE DOESN'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHAT PATH  
HE WANTS  
TO TAKE.

WHERE  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
AND WHY  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
THERE.

I JUST MET  
A POWERFUL  
VERSION OF  
THAT ANSWER.

BUT

IF YOU'RE  
NOT DOING  
WHAT YOU  
WANT TO  
DO, YOU  
CAN'T CALL  
IT LIFE, CAN  
YOU?

MY  
PATH

...

BUT

IF YOU  
THINK  
THAT I  
AM, IT'S  
BECAUSE-  
...

YOU'RE...  
REALLY  
STRONG.

I'M NOT  
STRONG,



AND  
YEAH,

THAT'S WHY  
I'M GOING  
TO PROTECT  
YOU TOO,  
LAURA  
BODEWIG.



I WANT TO  
BE STRONG,  
THAT I AM.

I  
WANT TO  
PROTECT  
SOMEONE.

TO POUR  
EVERYTHING  
INTO FIGHTING  
TO PROTECT  
SOMEONE I  
CARE ABOUT.



AAH...  
THIS IS  
WHAT IT  
FEELS  
LIKE...

TO FALL IN  
LOVE WITH  
SOMEONE

...



ORIMURA  
ICHIKA...

